

POPULATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The population of the State on 31st December 1926 was estimated to be 566,394, an increase of 14,761 during the year, (2.68%). This is the highest rate of increase for quite a number of years, and is due to migration. The sources of increase were 6,606 by excess of births over deaths and 8,155 by migration.

The Population of the Metropolitan Area within 10 miles radius of the G.P.O. was estimated to be 316,865 on 31st December 1926, an increase of 13,251. 55.94% of the population of the State is in this area.

The births for the year number 11,483 equal to 20.01 per 1,000 of the population. This is a very low rate but is fortunately set off by a continuous fall in the death rate. Deaths number 4,877 equal to 8.73 per 1,000 of the mean population. For the last five years the rates have been - 10.52, 10.45, 9.59, 9.15 and 8.73.

The Death Rate of Infants under 1 year old was 45 per 1,000 births, the lowest yet.

Marriages. 4,503 equal to 8.06 per 1,000 of mean population, the highest since 1922.

Population of chief centres within the Metropolitan Area on December 31st 1926 - City of Unley 41,061, City of Port Adelaide 33,383, District Councils of Woodville 22,539, Burnside 21,413, Prospect 18,940, Mitcham 15,133, West Torrens 14,592, Payneham 6,944, Walkerville 4,765, Corporations of Kensington and Norwood 15,841, Thebarton 14,814, St. Peters 11,958, Hindmarsh 13,794, Glenelg 9,802, Brighton 5,073, Colonel Light Gardens 5,000, Henley and Grange 5,007.

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